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## BEFORE THE ARIZONA CORPORATION COMMISSION

Arizona Corporation Commission

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IN THE MATTER OF RANCHO SAHUARITA )  
WATER COMPANY, LLC - REQUEST FOR )  
APPROVAL OF A CURTAILMENT TARIFF )

DOCKET NO. W-03718A-02-0821

DECISION NO. 65464ORDER

Open Meeting  
December 17 and 18, 2002  
Phoenix, Arizona

BY THE COMMISSION:

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. On November 4, 2002, Rancho Sahuarita Water Company, LLC ("Rancho Sahuarita" or "Company") filed an application with the Commission requesting approval of a curtailment plan.

2. On November 14, 2002, Rancho Sahuarita filed a revised curtailment plan. Signage information was added to the plan which had been inadvertently omitted from the plan filed on November 4, 2002. In the same filing, the Company agreed to waive the normal 30-day time period allowed to process its filing so the filing could be held for the Commission's December 17 and 18, 2002 Open Meetings.

3. The purpose of the curtailment plan is to establish guidelines for the management or restriction of water use by customers when Rancho Sahuarita is experiencing a water shortage emergency. The curtailment plan proposed by Rancho Sahuarita is based on Staff's Curtailment Plan Tariff template and is similar to the curtailment plans of other water companies recently approved by this Commission. The curtailment plan will be implemented as a company tariff and will also be incorporated into the Company's Arizona Department of Environmental Quality Emergency Operation Plan.

1           4.       Rancho Sahuarita is a public service corporation which serves development in the Town  
2 of Sahuarita in Pima County. The Company's water system consists of two wells, one storage tank,  
3 four pressure tanks and distribution mains. There are 284 service connections.

4           5.       Staff has recommended approval of the amended curtailment plan tariff filed by the  
5 Company on November 14, 2002. Staff has further recommended that this curtailment plan become  
6 part of the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality Emergency Operations Plan for Rancho  
7 Sahuarita. Staff has further recommended that Rancho Sahuarita notify its customers of this new  
8 tariff as part of its next regularly scheduled billing or no later than sixty (60) days after the effective  
9 date of this order. Staff has further recommended that Rancho Sahuarita provide a copy of the  
10 curtailment tariff to any customer, upon request.

11                               CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

12           1.       Rancho Sahuarita Water Company is a public service corporation within the meaning of  
13 Article XV, Section 2, of the Arizona Constitution.

14           2.       The Commission has jurisdiction over Rancho Sahuarita Water Company and the  
15 subject matter of the request.

16           3.       The Commission, having reviewed the request for approval of the tariff and Staff's  
17 Memorandum dated November 27, 2002, concludes that it is in the public interest to approve the  
18 amended curtailment plan filed on November 14, 2002.

19                               ORDER

20           IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that Rancho Sahuarita Water Company is authorized to  
21 implement the amended curtailment plan filed on November 14, 2002.

22           IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that this curtailment plan tariff become part of the Arizona  
23 Department of Environmental Quality Emergency Operations Plan for Rancho Sahuarita Water  
24 Company.

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1 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Rancho Sahuarita Water Company shall not implement its  
2 curtailment plan tariff until all current customers of Rancho Sahuarita Water Company have been  
3 given notice of this tariff. Rancho Sahuarita Water Company shall notify its customers of the tariff  
4 authorized herein as part of its next regularly scheduled billing or no later than 60 days after the  
5 effective date of this Order.

6 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Rancho Sahuarita shall provide a copy of the curtailment  
7 tariff to any customer, upon request.

8 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that this decision shall become effective immediately.

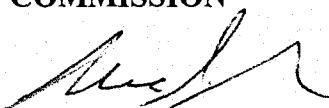
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11 CHAIRMAN

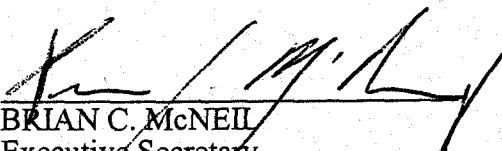
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16 IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I, BRIAN C. McNEIL, Executive  
17 Secretary of the Arizona Corporation Commission, have  
18 hereunto, set my hand and caused the official seal of this  
19 Commission to be affixed at the Capitol, in the City of  
20 Phoenix, this 19th day of December, 2002.

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22 BRIAN C. McNEIL  
23 Executive Secretary

24 DISSENT: \_\_\_\_\_

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